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Honorary Awards presented at annual awards ceremony

WINCHESTER, Va. -- The Transatlantic Programs Center, the local Army Corps of Engineers organization, honored its own during an annual awards ceremony June 14.

"We are here to celebrate excellence and professionalism," said Col. Frederick L. Clapp, Jr., commander. "You have all been doing an excellent job and continue to meet, and in most cases exceed, our customers' needs with energy and enthusiasm. You all play an important role for our fellow Soldiers and Civilians. I am very proud of you and all that you do."

The Transatlantic Programs Center, headquartered in Winchester, is responsible for most Corps of Engineers' operations in the Middle East and Africa. The Center provides engineering services in other regions as needed, and it provides back-up assistance to Corps organizations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Center's missions include designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces and performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies.

The presentations began with an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriotic Employer award for Robert E. Koirtvohann, chief of the Site Development Division.

Also presented were 64 Unsung Hero awards, a program in which employees can recognize their coworkers for specific acts and accomplishments.

The prestigious six honorary awards presented during the ceremony included:

Employee of the Year, Robert McKenney, Office of Counsel.

Supervisor of the Year, Robert E. Schaible, Project Management

Customer Care Award, Kelley L. Simonelli, Resource Management

Support Services Award, Elizabeth D. Stearn, Project Management

Field Employee of the Year, Abdel-Hamid Saleh in Qatar

Make a Difference Award, Nael Nmair, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

In addition, more than 1,100 years of federal service were recognized for 45 team members.